

9th PROGRAMME MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING Online, 17th May 2021

~ SYNTHESIS OF THE MAIN DECISIONS ~

- The MC acknowledged the **state of the art of Standard and Strategic projects' implementation** status, necessity to monitor and supervise projects' implementation. The MC gives the mandate to MA to act to avoid decommitment.
- The MC acknowledged the update from the **Audit Authority** on the ongoing and planned 2nd level controls of the 2 accounting years, including the results and planning of the system audits, the findings of the audit of operations and audit of accounts, as well as the updated audit plan
- The MC acknowledged the **Annual Implementation Report 2020**, requesting some minor adjustments. An urgent Written procedure will be launched for the approval of the AIR 2020 and in order to allow the MA to submit it to the EC before the deadline set for the end of May 2021
- The MC acknowledged the **Programme communication activities** implementation and approved the **annual communication plan 2021**
- The MC acknowledged the **state of the art of evaluations** and proposed minor modifications to the **Evaluation plan** related to timing of activities. An urgent Written procedure will be launched for the approval of the evaluation plan.
- The MC acknowledged the updated structures of MA and JS in terms of human resources
- The MC approved the **prolongation of the COVID measures**, aimed at supporting the continuity of the implementation of projects, until the end of 2021
- The MC acknowledged the **State of Programme expenditure, the N+3 targets for 2021** and needed actions to meet it
- The MC acknowledged the **options proposed by MA/JS to use Programme savings**. An informal group will be established with the involvement of both delegations in order to reach a decision by June 2021, taking into account the limited time available. MA and JS will perform all the actions to convey the informal group
- The MC acknowledged the state of the art of the preparation of the new Programme **2021-2027** and the results of the local consultation webinars.